



theWI Nottinghamshire



The Hornblower

2024



Christmas Celebration

Saturday 14 December
2.00pm
St. John the Evangelist's Church
Carlton in Lindrick

**Begin your Christmas celebrations with
seasonal readings,
Christmas songs and carols**



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Chair's Letter

Hello everyone, Autumn is with us, although we don't seem to have had much Summer this year. This time of year, is the season of remembrance. The first, in November is, of course, Bonfire Night when we remember how Guy Fawkes and his associates tried to blow up the king and Parliament to change the political picture. The WI's "political picture" is changing with the new constitution due next summer, but in the consultation stage at present. If you get a chance to see the amendments, you may wish to send your comments to National.

Next on the calendar is actual Remembrance Day. If, like me, you were able to go and view the knitted/crocheted Greatest Yarn exhibition in Southwell Minster you would have been moved by the sacrifices made for us. Knitting for others is a great way to give back to society, the knitted post-box toppers are a pleasing yet attention-grabbing opportunity to commemorate and make a statement.

Thanks to Shelford WI who have let us know that they have members who remember going to the Royal Show (as mentioned last month) in the 1990's when Vera Carter organised the Royal Show Catering Committee for Nottinghamshire. Sounds a lovely (but tiring) experience.

By the end of November, we are looking towards Christmas, and what better way to set the scene than coming firstly to, **Christmas Afternoon Tea at the Hostess on Friday 29th November with the wonderful soprano Lily, then on Saturday 14 December our own Celebration of Christmas in Carlton- in- Lindrick Church.** We know some of you do not get to hear what is going on across the Federation so we would like to e-mail you personally so that you are kept abreast of what is on offer.

Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer all hold their own delights when it comes to taking a break. If you use Riviera Travel for any of your holidays, please mention Nottinghamshire Federation when booking, as the Federation can benefit from this and it won't cost you a penny extra!



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

Following requests from members, **you can now book and pay online for Federation events.** A monthly email, sent directly to your email address, will include a brief description of the events

available and a link for further information and card payment. If you prefer not to receive this, just click on the "opt out" button.

Sue Sanderson, Federation Secretary

ENCLOSURES: 1. Sherwood Observatory visit; 2. Glass Fusion; 3. Canada Cup; 4. Literary Lunch



Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- Nomination for Trustee **18 Nov**
- Christmas Afternoon Tea (29/11) **21 Nov**
- Christmas Celebration (14/12) **26 Nov**

CALENDAR November & December 2024 See enclosure for application & full details

26/11	Resolution Shortlist	7.30pm	VIA TEAMS
29/11	Christmas Afternoon Tea	1pm	Hostess restaurant Mans' Woodhouse
14/12	Celebration of Christmas	2pm	St John the Evangelist Church. Carlton in Lindrick

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

Are you the one we want?

We are inviting WI nominations for 15 elected members to the Nottinghamshire Federation Board of Trustees for the period April 2025 - March 2027. Any full member from a WI within this Federation is eligible to stand for election as a Trustee.

Are you enthusiastic? Can you speak your mind? Can you work in a team? Do you like fun and friendship? We are sure that must apply to many WI members, but we also need members who are willing to help the Federation. Currently we have 9 Trustees, some of them may no longer wish to remain as a Trustee. We would therefore love to have more of you considering joining the Federation Board. So please think about this and say "yes" to being nominated and send in the nomination form. It is very important for the Federation that we have a full Board of Trustees. Any full WI member can nominate candidates, please send in your choice to **County Office** using the form before **Monday 18 November**. Don't forget to say yes! For more information please contact Federation Secretary, Sue, on secretary@nottswi.org.uk

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES June Freeman



All are welcome to Celebrate Christmas by joining us, along with your family and friends, at the **Christmas Celebration in St John the Evangelist's Church in Carlton in Lindrick on Saturday 14th December at 2 o'clock.** This will include seasonal readings, Christmas carols and Christmas songs with an opportunity to join

in with the singing. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall which is included in the price of £10. We must charge this amount because we have pay for the hire of the church and the hire of the hall. I do hope your WI will join us to make this event a successful afternoon as much time and effort has been invested in this. The enclosure is with your secretary now.

As it says on the application form, if a week before the event, you have not received any tickets or notification, please contact the office.

Burns' Lunch



**Wed 22nd January
12 for 12.30pm
£28.50 incl coffee
CD. 13th January**

**The Hostess Restaurant
Sookholme Road
Mansfield Woodhouse**



CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

wonderful displays. Congratulations to **Ruddington WI** in winning the **Nottinghamshire Fed Campaign Calendar** (a copy is with your Officers, on Facebook group and on SharePoint). It has lots of ideas to help you get involved, from quizzes to craftivism ideas. We also had the **WI Voices event at Ruddington**, with the public vote with their display of SOS "Save the Bees" and to Runners up **Forest Town WI** with their display of WI campaign from 1930 "Ban the importation of performing animals". We have fabulous letters to the future, with winner **Rosemary Shatliff of Annesley WI** and runner up **Margaret Edge of Shireoaks WI**. At the event we had a raffle and the winner of the craft hamper, Annette of Radcliffe on Trent WI has been busy. She has written to let me know what has happened to the prize; "Very grateful for your care at the WI promotion in Ruddington. I won the massive craft raffle prize. With a group of women, I ran an evening designing mugs for the WI national campaign to profile Domestic Violence 'Not in my Name'. We again raffled your amazing craft box which raised £46 which we donated to Nottingham Women's aid. Our designs have been submitted to WI Wales." What a great way the event promoted WI in the wider community and supported Nottingham Woman's Aid.

I attended the official opening of the **Sharewear** distribution and sort space - named as 'Re-launch Celebration.' It was a great event attended by their patron, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering; Deputy Lieutenant Mark Goldby – their Ambassador Lead; Councillor Richard Butler, Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council (who I also recently met at the "thank you" session at **Mansfield Library for the Inspire Care Square Blanket Knitting Challenge**); and Councillor Andy Brown, Mayor of Rushcliffe Borough Council, as well as representatives from other supporting organisations and businesses.

Don't forget the Resolution Shortlist meeting on Tuesday 26th November 7:30pm - via Teams, look out for details (booking via admin@nottswi.org.uk). A great way to get some information on the resolutions that each member has a vote on. Just want to say to everyone - Thank you for your work in inspiring women and being bold in your community.



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

Our annual **Rummikub competition** was held in October at Lowdham WI hall. Thirty-two ladies arrived to play against each other. They played five games of 20 minutes each with the two players having the lowest scores moved on. In the end **Beryl Northcote of Morton, Fiskerton and Morton WI** won with just fourteen points!

We have the final of the Darts pairs at East Bridgford between the top four pairs from the knockout stage. I will let you know the results of this next month.

We will be holding our **annual Bridge Day at Oxtown Village Hall on 14 March, so please put this in your diary.**



FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey

This year we have changed our Bookkeeping system, and we need WI Treasurers' help. When you make a BACS payment to the Federation it would really help if you would please pay separately for each invoice or event and use the event code or invoice number in the reference. Thank you to the WI Treasurers who do this all ready. A random figure appearing in the bank account requires a crystal ball – and creates extra work. **Remember the code or number and separate transactions. Thank you.**



WI LEARNING HUB

Don't forget to take advantage of the WI Learning Hub.

Most courses are available live or on demand at a time to suit your busy life.

It is free for members and offers the opportunity to learn new skills or brush up on some old ones in the comfort of your own home or with your WI.

Go to the website for more information.

www.learninghub.thewi.org.uk



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

Welcome to November everyone. I thought I would talk to you this month a little more about programme planning. At our recent workshop we were asked the question, "how can we make Annual Meetings and Resolution Meetings more inviting?" Well, we all know that these meetings must be held but how can we make them more appealing to our members and encourage them to attend rather than having a distinct lack of numbers on these evenings. The answer seems to be, to give our members "added value" to the meeting. Of course, keeping to the business of the meeting but adding something else afterwards even if it's just some special cakes with tea and coffee. Perhaps a quick craft, a member's recollection of a special holiday, a beetle drive, quizzes, asking members to share new recipes they have tried – even better if there are samples. That brings me onto food, anything that includes some type of food is always popular, think: chocolate tasting, cheese & wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, we don't want to encourage bad habits! Did you know that one of our WI's has a "Juniper Appreciation Society"? The list is endless once you start to think about it. And members, don't just leave it to your planning team to produce an idea, if you have an idea or a talent that you want to share, I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

As always you can contact me at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via the office if you need any help or advice.



BONUS DRAW 2024

The winning numbers were drawn at the County Lunch.

That concludes the draws for November 2023 – October 2024

Name	WI	Number
Rose King	Dorewood	6
Sheila Higgins	Anston	30
Kath Scott	Hoveringham	54

Highlights

WIs have been taking part in campaigns this year. **Shelford WI's** Carole Fisher, Dinah Wilcox & Susie Doran, Liz Burr, Maureen Barber and Sue Lakeman braved heavy rain to take part in the **UK Water Blitz** as part of the **WI Clean Rivers campaign**. Four sites were visited, three on the River Trent, above and below a sewage outlet, protective gloves donned and samples effectively taken using a jam jar on twine and milk bottle bound to a bamboo cane! The amount of phosphates and nitrates were measured and records loaded onto the national database along with water samples sent to Imperial College for analysis. A hot cup of coffee, courtesy of Dinah's flask, was much appreciated. Next time, in June, they hope for better weather!



"Show the Love" Bag Making Challenge also known as the **"Green Hearts campaign"**, which focuses on Climate Change was supported by **West Bridgford WI** members on behalf of the Campaigns & Communications Team with their make a reusable bag campaign. They made and donated **115 bags to The Friary Drop-in Centre** in West Bridgford. What a fantastic achievement!



Farnsfield WI took the opportunity to visit Southwell Minster to see the display of the **'Longest Yarn'** that commemorates **D-Day 1944**. Afterwards they also enjoyed a coffee.



CENTRAL WOMEN'S AID (CWA) WINTER APPEAL 2024 - THE GIFT OF SAFETY

This winter, we are launching our **Gift of Safety** campaign to raise funds for the protection of women and children escaping domestic abuse. **Safety is the most precious gift a survivor of domestic abuse can receive.** Donations from this campaign will help fund emergency accommodation and immediate support to families in crisis, offering them a safe refuge within hours of contacting us. Our specialist team of domestic abuse workers provides emotional and practical care for the entire family during these critical moments. The women and children entering our refuge are often at their most vulnerable, both physically and emotionally. Having left behind everything familiar, they face an uncertain future filled with financial and emotional hardship.

Donations: We can accept donations via cheque, BACS, or online through www.centralwomensaid.org. The easiest way to donate is through our appeal page 'The Gift Of Safety' Thank you for your continued generosity. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Warmest regards, Ali Miller

WBOS West Bridgford Operatic Society
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<http://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/nottinghamshire-federation-of-wis>



Members are listed by their name and WI. They will be forever remembered and will all be truly missed.

Dorothy Bentley. Anston WI

Annie Woolder. Bleasby WI

Ann Buckley. Bleasby WI

Thought of the month...

Don't let the grass grow on the path of friendship.